

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 915

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Vincent J. Hunter,
Principal of Whitehaven High School in
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Hunter has generously shared his skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Whitehaven High School as their Principal; under his tireless leadership, students have been encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Vincent J. Hunter has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for his students, earning the great respect and admiration of Whitehaven High School's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Whitehaven High School community have many reasons to take pride in their school: to build a strong academic foundation, Whitehaven offers both a College Preparatory and a Business and Finance program; fully 95 percent of the students at Whitehaven High scored proficient on the Biology Gateway Exam, and 93 percent scored proficient on the Tennessee Writing Assessment; in addition, Whitehaven offers a wide range of safety net programs to ensure student success, including Zeroes Aren't Permitted School, Course Recovery, Subject Area Tutoring, Gateway Algebra Intervention, and Saturday Gateway Sessions; the Marching Tiger Band travels and performs throughout the Southeast, and students in Business Professionals of America and DECA compete annually and boast winners at the regional, state, and national level; indeed, for its academic excellence,

Whitehaven High School has been recognized as a pillar in the community for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Whitehaven High School boasts an enrollment of 1,888 students and promotion rates of 78.3 percent with an average class size of twenty-five; moreover, fully 48 percent of the faculty have master's or doctoral degrees, with 100 percent having attained their State Teaching Certificate and License; and

WHEREAS, in the 2003-2004 school year, Whitehaven High School met or exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Whitehaven High School offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including the BETA Club, National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, DECA, RIF, BPA, ACT+30 Club, and the Business and Finance Optional Program; and

WHEREAS, Whitehaven High School has also partnered with corporations, including Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, Remington College, and China Inn Management to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Vincent J. Hunter and the entire staff of Whitehaven High School are committed to providing a dynamic learning community in which a spirit of pride and unity enables students to achieve their maximum potential in a safe, caring, clean, and supportive environment; meaningful learning experiences will prepare all students to become productive contributors and communicators in a technologically advanced world, and Whitehaven High School is a positive force that prepares students for life; and

WHEREAS, in his many years in education and educational administration, Vincent J. Hunter has, by his commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of his students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Vincent J. Hunter for his outstanding record as Principal of Whitehaven High School, and for his many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under his care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Vincent J. Hunter for his commitment to the education of the youth of his community, his devotion to their best interests, and his many contributions to his community and to this State. We offer him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.